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SUBJECT: GOM APOLOGY FOR ENTRY OF USIS LIBRARY PREMISES

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTE VERBALE DATED FEB. 8 FROM GOM
MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WHICH IS WRITTEN APOLOGY FOR VIOLATION
OF USIS LIBRARY PREMISES WHICH PERSEC EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TOLD
AMBASSADOR WOULD BE FORTHCOMING (PARA 1 REFTEL).

2. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS (SALUTATIONS OMITTED):

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI DEEPLY REGRETS
THE INCIDENT WHICH TOOK PLACE ON 10TH JANUARY, 1977 AT THE LIBRARY
OF THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION SERVICES IN BLANTYRE WHEN SIX
POLICE OFFICERS, IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES, ENTERED THE LIBRARY,
WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE HEAD OF MISSION, AND TOOK CUSTODY OF
THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR, MR. JUSTIN FUNSANI.

"IN THIS CONNECTION, THE MINISTRY IS UNDER INSTRUCTION TO
EXPLAIN THAT THE BREACH OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS PERTAINING TO THE INVIOABILITY OF THE PREMISES OF A
DIPLOMATIC MISSION, INCLUDING BUILDINGS, OFFICES, RESIDENCES AND
LANDS ANCILLARY THERETO, WAS NOT INTENTIONAL BUT THAT THE POLICE
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OFFICERS CONCERNED WERE UNAWARE OF THE STATUS OF THE PREMISES
HOUSING THE LIBRARY SINCE THESE ARE LOCATED SEPARATELY FROM THOSE
OF THE CHANCERY. THE MINISTRY IS FURTHER UNDER INSTRUCTION TO
TENDER APOLOGIES FOR THE INCIDENT AND TO ASSURE THE EMBASSY
THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WILL BE DONE TO AVOID A RECURRENCE."

3. COPY OF NOTE TO BE POUCHED.

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